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## Stroebel: I Will Oppose Marijuana Legalization

Madison, WI – Sen. Duey Stroebel, a member of the Joint Finance Committee, strongly opposes Gov. Tony Evers' plan to legalize recreational marijuana in the state budget. Sen. Stroebel released the following statement on the issue:

"I remain firmly opposed to any proposal to legalize marijuana in Wisconsin. Earlier this month, a criminal in my senate district took the lives of two Washington County residents before dying as a result of an officer-involved shooting. According to media reports, a toxicology test after the event revealed the perpetrator had marijuana in his system. I am not about to agree to any plan that legalizes a drug that has fostered and emboldened bad actions by bad actors.

"The social implications of legalizing marijuana are huge, and the windfall of revenue that would supposedly result is a fallacy that hides the true costs of such a plan. The mental health and physical wellbeing of our state would be negatively impacted by the legalization of marijuana. I remain a 'no' vote on such a plan and hope we can quickly dispose of this proposal and get about the business of crafting a common-sense, workable budget that is in the best interests of all Wisconsinites."

Senator Stroebel represents the 20<sup>th</sup> Senate District which includes parts of Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Sheboygan Counties.

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